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Sir:

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Japanese patent document number 11-145051 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,171,730, copy also enclosed.

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